All I know is - what I AM.

On one of those mornings when there were only a few of us, regular visitors, Shri Maharaj sat in his usual place, still as a statue. It was an extraordinarily peaceful interlude for all of us to sitting there with our eyes closed, spontaneously being in tune with Shri. Maharaj. When time became apparent, we found Shri. Maharaj talking softly: "I wonder what image the visitors have about me. I wonder if they realise, truly apprehend, my state which is not in any way different from their own.

"All I AM, all I always have been, and will be, is what I was before I was 'born' - not being a body, how could I have been born? Being Awareness itself, how could I be aware of awareness? I am no 'thing' and know no 'other' to be aware of.

"As noumenon, I am not aware of awareness. As phenomenon, I am 'FUNCTIONING', an aspect of my potential as noumenon, functioning on an impersonal level, spontaneously non-volitionally. I am the seeing, the hearing, the perceiving, the knowing, the doing, of all that is being seen, heard, perceived, known and done: I apperceiving the objectivisation of THIS-HERE-NOW.

"Noumenally unknowable, phenomenally I become an object of knowledge. Noumenon-I-is what remains after all phenomena are totally negated. I am THIS-HERE-NOW total phenomenal absence. How then can I be known, experienced, cognised?! When I manifest myself, it is as 'sentience', by conceptual extension in space, measured in duration (TIME). The experience is experienced in duality, as subject-object, discriminating through inter-related counterparts

like joy and sorrow.

" When the mind is totally SILENT, empty - when space-time-conceptualising is in suspension - then all that you are I AM : unicity, wholeness, holiness, humility."